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## The RSGB's Commonwealth Contest

The RSGB's Commonwealth Contest takes place on 14 and 15 March. The event has been really enlivened by the Team Competition in recent years with plenty of friendly competition between the different Commonwealth areas. This is very much a DXers contest and does not require that you be active for the whole 24 hours if you do not want to be. You should however be on at the critical times for the critical openings! This is a CW contest, of course, but do not be put off, it is hardly fast and furious. If you want to take some first steps into CW contesting, then this will be a great way to do so, and work some great DX into the bargain.

India has announced that it will be entering a team in this year's Contest. This news means that there will be nine Indian stations and one from Sri Lanka entering this year as well as teams for Australia, Canada and the Rest of the World. The contest runs from 10.00 UTC on 14 March to 10.00 UTC on 15 March.

The Z50HQ call sign will be on the air during the RSGB Commonwealth CW Contest on 14 and 15 March 2009. Andrew, ZS6AA will be operating as Z50HQ.

## SARL VHF/UHF Analogue and Digital Contests

The first leg of the SARL VHF/UHF Digital Contest is split into two sessions. The first session starts at 16:00 UTC on Friday 20 March and ends at 12:59 UTC on Saturday 21 March, the second session starts at 13:00 UTC on Saturday and ends at 12:00 UTC on Sunday 22 March. All authorised digital modes are permitted.

This includes all modes of WSJT, RTTY, PSK31, CW and any other digital modes commonly used in the amateur service. Activity is on 6, 4 and 2 metres, 70 and 23 cm and all the amateur allocations above that. You can participate as a Home Station, a Field Station or a Rover Station.

The SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest starts at 10:00 UTC on Saturday 21 March and ends at 10:00 UTC on Sunday 22 March. FM and SSB activity on 6, 4 and 2 metres, 70 and 23 cm and all the amateur allocations above that. You can participate as a Single-operator station, a Multi-operator station (Club stations, etc.) or a Mobile Station.

The rules for both these contests are to be found in Ver 4 of the 2009 SARL Contest Manual, which you can download from the HF Happenings page on [www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za).

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## **Hans Kappetijn, ZS6KR, Awarded the First SARL 5-Band CW All Africa Award**

After submitting the required QSL cards for working 25 African countries and one for each of the six ZS call areas per band for 10, 15, 20, 40 and 80 m, Hans Kappetijn, ZS6KR, received the first ever 5-band CW Worked All Africa Certificate from the SARL Awards Manager Tjerk Lammers, ZS6P.

Many of the African contacts were made up to 5 years ago and Hans recently gave himself a wake-up call to complete some of the still-required ZS contacts, which were most difficult under the present propagation conditions.

After appeals on the SARL Forum, amateurs in Div 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 patiently assisted Hans over the past few months to make contacts on 10 and 15 m, some of which were attributed to HF sporadic E and HF meteor scatter. Congratulations to Hans, ZS6KR, well done!

## **C91FC DXpedition**

The C91FC DXpedition to Mozambique will take place from Thursday 9 April to Monday 13 April 2009. The team will once again be lead by Philip, ON4AEO, who last year lead a team of operators to Lesotho for the 7P8FC expedition. The team is made up of the following operators: Philip, ON4AEO, Kath, ON7BK, Sid, ZS6AYC, Adele, ZR6APT, Gert, ZS6GC, Lucas, ZS6ACT, Jan, ZS5JC, Deon, ZS6ABR, Jose', ON4CJK, Herman, ZS5LH and Steffi, ON3AEO.

The team hopes to be active on Phone, RTTY, PSK and CW on 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. The QSL Manager is ON4CJK and you either can QSL via the bureau or direct. It is requested that direct cards must be accompanied with 1 IRC or 2 green stamps with a self addressed envelope, failing which cards will be returned via the bureau. The QSL address is Jose' Duyck, Molenakker 56, 8740 Egen, Belgium. More information regarding the expedition can be obtained from the C91FC web site at [www.c91fc.be](http://www.c91fc.be)

## **Results of the 2008 CQ WW WPX CW Contest**

Single Operator, low power

Z50HQ, operated by Andrew, ZS6AA, made 1 507 736 points from 877 QSOs working 458 prefixes on all bands.

ZS6C made 35 392 points from 126 QSOs working 112 prefixes.

ZS6/HA3LN made 70 points from 6 QSOs working 5 prefixes.

ZS6CCW worked on 15 metres and made 101 179 points from 105 QSOs working 181 prefixes.

Multi-operator, Single Transmitter

ZS9Z made 77 280 points from 172 QSOs working 138 prefixes.

[CQ Amateur Radio March 2009]

## **Bangladesh, S2 — Operation Cancelled**

Members of the Korea DX Club had to cancel their operation from Dhaka due to a civil war that broke out in the city. The KDXC team mentions that the "Situation is chaotic," and the team was going back to Korea. Unfortunately, the team's call sign S21KD was cancelled when they

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first arrived, and they tried to get a new license. However, Friday and Saturday were holidays in Bangladesh. They did get a new license on Sunday, S21ZCY, and moved to another location 2½ hours away. The team hoped to be on the air that day but could not retrieve the radio gear from the airport. Safety was the team's first priority, so they cancelled and headed back home. They hope to get another chance to operate from S2-land soon. For more details and updates, please visit the following Web page at <http://dxpedition.co.kr>

## **Global Simulated Emergency Test (GlobalSET)**

The date for this event, sponsored by IARU Region 1, has been altered to coincide with World Amateur Radio Day on 18 April. The theme for the day of "Amateur Radio: Your Resource in Disaster and Emergency Communication" is an ideal opportunity to showcase the work of emergency communications groups around the world.

The timing of the event remains at 11:00 - 15:00 UTC but in a change for this and future events, the focus will be on generating and relaying messages in a common format across country borders rather than the information gathering about capabilities, which has taken place in the past. More information will be posted on [www.iau-r1.org](http://www.iau-r1.org) and [www.raynet-hf.net](http://www.raynet-hf.net) as it becomes available.

## **Midway Island K4M scheduled for October 2009**

A multi national team of 19 operators will activate Midway Island in October 2009. The US Fish and Wildlife Service has authorised amateur operation from this rare US entity for only a 10-day period, its first radio activity in almost 10 years.

Midway Island ranks number 24 worldwide and number 13 in Europe on the DX magazine's "Most Wanted List." Activity will be on 6 metres to 160 metres with 5 to 6 stations. At least one station will be active on 20 metres around the clock for those who need it for a new country. Major efforts will be made to meet the demand to the most needed geographical areas, the low bands and RTTY.

Team members are AA4NN, EA1IR, DJ9ZB, KH7U, KI6TVS, KL2A, N1DG, N4PN, N4XP, N6GQ, N7CQQ, WB4JTT, W6KK, W6OSP, WA7NB, W8CAA, W8GEX, WA8NJR, and OK1KT. Off-site support is being provided by AA1V, W5DNT, DL9RCF and W6XA.

Travel to Midway is only allowed by chartered aircraft. Because of the size of the aircraft, the team is presented with unique challenges. As such, the aircraft will only be able to carry the team requiring the equipment to be shipped by boat some months ahead. Adding to the high cost of transportation, daily fees and other charges established by the USF & WLS makes this operation very expensive. Please support this endeavour by sending a donation. To make it easy to donate you can contribute electronically using the web site or if you choose regular means, you may do so. Instructions are given on the web site for either method.

A web site has been established and can be found at [www.midway2009.com](http://www.midway2009.com). Updates will be published on the web site as they become available.

Tom, N4XP and Dave, WB4JTT, Co Leaders for Midway Island 2009. [Tjerk, ZS6P]

## **DX News from Africa**

Mozambique, C9. Some members of the Texas DX Society will be active as C91TX from Bilene, Maputo Province, between 25 March and 5 April. Bilene is 180 km from the capital city of Maputo. Activity will be on all bands 160 - 10 metres with 3 active stations, one station each for

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CW, SSB and the Digital modes. They will participate in the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (28 and 29 March).

Operators mentioned are Cal, WF5W, Paul, W5PF, Madison, W5MJ, Bill, K5WAF, Dale, KG5U and Jim, N4AL. QSL Manager for C91TX is W5PF. Depending on internet access, they hope to have an online log search page once operations start, but do not expect daily updates. For updates, visit the Texas DX Society C91TX web page at [www.tdxs.net/c91.html](http://www.tdxs.net/c91.html)

Uganda, 5X. Nick, G3RWF will be active from Fort Portal, Uganda, as 5X1NH from 11 March for about two months. Active mainly on CW, unless conditions improve. He is taking a 40/80 vertical, which should help those bands. Nick is doing voluntary work so mainly early mornings, evenings and weekends on the air. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

Cape Verde Isl, D44. A group of German operators from Bonn and Potsdam will be active from Sal Island (AF-086, WLOTA 0610) between 11 and 25 March. Each operator will have his or her own call sign. Activity will be on 160 - 10 metres using CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31, Hell, Amtor and SSTV. They plan to have seven stations with 100 watts and vertical antennas. Operators mentioned (with their call sign) are Helmut, DL3KBQ (D44TXQ), Holger, DL1COP (D44TXP), Jurgen, DJ2VO (D44TXO), Gerd, DG3KAF (D44TXF), Henry, DL2RSI (D44TXR), Peter, DH2KI (D44TXI) and Franz, DL3PS/HB9EHQ (D44TXS). QSL via their home call sign, except D44TXS via HB9EHQ.

Ceuta, EA9. Look for Jorge, EA9LZ to be active from Ceuta as either EA9LZ or EG9Z during the CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (28 and 29 March) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20 or 40 m) entry. He has to check antennas and then decide to run 20 or 40 metres. QSL via the information at QRZ.com under EA9LZ.

Western Sahara, S04R. An international team comprising EA1CJ, EA1KY, EA2RY, EA3EXV, EA5RM, EA7AJR, F9IE, IN3ZNR, UT7CR and UY7CW will be on the air from Western Sahara from 12 April to 17 April using the call S04R. Operation will be on all bands from 10 to 160 metres on SSB, CW and digital. QSL via EA5RM. EA5BZ will be the pilot station and additional information is available on the S04R web site at [www.dxfriends.com](http://www.dxfriends.com)

Zambia, 9J. Gabriel, YO4HEK, is on a one-year stay in Zambia and will work CW, SSB and PSK31 on all bands as 9J2YO. QSL via YO4ATW.

## **QSY of AMTOR Mailbox**

The AMTOR-mailbox DA5TOR, SELCALL "ATOR" will move its 40 m access frequency in order to comply with the new IARU Region 1 band plan as from 29 March. The new frequencies are 7047 kHz, 7049 kHz and 7051 kHz. The access frequencies on the other bands remain unchanged and still allow worldwide access.

All frequencies and technical details of the mailbox can be found on [www.amtor.de](http://www.amtor.de). The new activity-centre of AMTOR is 7042 kHz for direct connections.

## **Contest Calendar**

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 9 to 16 March 2009

CLARA HF Contest

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17:00 UTC 10 Mar to 17:00 UTC 11 Mar and  
17:00 UTC 14 Mar to 17:00 UTC 15 Mar

Mode: CW, Phone

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op

Max operating hours: 24

Exchange: Name, QTH and CLARA member,  
family member, non-member YL/OM

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with CLARA  
member; 2 points per QSO with CLARA fam-  
ily member; 3 points per QSO with non-  
member YL; 1 point per QSO with OM

Multipliers: Each Canadian call area once;  
Each DXCC country (must be YL QSO) once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points x total mults

Submit logs by: 14 April 2009

E-mail logs to: ve7ony[at]rac[dot]ca

Mail logs to: Leona, VE7ONY, PO Box 266,  
2475 Dobbin Road #22, Westbank, BC  
V4T2E9, Canada

Find rules at:

[www.clara.comm.sfu.ca/contest.html](http://www.clara.comm.sfu.ca/contest.html)

RSGB 80 m Club CW Championship

20:00 - 21:30 UTC 11 Mar

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST and Serial No

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 18 March 2009

E-mail logs to:

cccw[dot]logs[at]rsghbfcc[dot]org

Upload log at:

[www.vhfcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl](http://www.vhfcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[www.vhfcc.org/hfcc/rules/2009/r80mcc.shtml](http://www.vhfcc.org/hfcc/rules/2009/r80mcc.shtml)

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 13 Mar

Mode: (see rules)

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points x total mults

Submit logs by: 15 March 2009

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

[www.hornucopia.com/3830score/](http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: [www.ncccsprint.com/rules.htm](http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.htm)

HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest

18:30 - 19:00 UTC 13 Mar 13 (80 m) and

19:00 - 19:30 UTC 13 Mar 13 (40 m)

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 and 40 m

Classes: Single Op

Exchange: HACWG Members: RST and Mem-  
bership No; non-Members: RST and NM

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points

Submit logs by: 28 March 2009

E-mail logs to: ha3kna[at]tolna[dot]net

Mail logs to: Radio Club, 7100 Szekszard,  
Rakoczi u. 16., Hungary

Find rules at:

<http://radioamator.honlapertes.hu/?PHPSESSID=e57dd37c356355de9489e83e42&p=1280>

RSGB Commonwealth Contest

10:00 UTC 14 Mar to 10:00 UTC 15 Mar

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Open; Restricted; Multi-Op

Exchange: RST and Serial No

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO; 20 additional  
points for each of first three QSOs with a  
Commonwealth Area or HQ station per band

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points

Submit logs by: 15 April 2009

E-mail logs to: common-  
wealth[dot]contest[at]rsghbfcc[dot]org

Mail logs to: RSGB-G3UFY, 77 Bensham  
Manor Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR7  
7AF, England

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Find rules at:

[www.vhfcc.org/hfcc/rules/2009/rberu.shtml](http://www.vhfcc.org/hfcc/rules/2009/rberu.shtml)

#### AGCW QRP Contest

14:00 - 20:00 UTC 14 Mar

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op Only

Max power: VLP: 1 watt or less; QRP: 5 watts or less; MP: 25 watts or less; QRO: >25 watts

Exchange: RST, QSO No, class (pwr) and AGCW Member No or "NM" if not member

QSO Points: 0 points/QSO for QRO - QRO; 3 points/QSO for QRP - VLP, VLP - QRP, VLP - VLP, QRP - QRP; 2 points/QSO for all others

Multipliers: 1 per AGCW member per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 March 2009

E-mail logs to: [qrp-test\[at\]agcw\[dot\]de](mailto:qrp-test[at]agcw[dot]de)

Mail logs to: Edmund Ramm, DK3UZ, Anderheitsallee 24, Bramfeld, D-22175 Hamburg, Germany

Find rules at:

[www.agcw.org/en/?Contests:QRP-Contest](http://www.agcw.org/en/?Contests:QRP-Contest)

#### ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint

15:00 - 18:00 UTC 14 Mar

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: All Band; Single Band; High Bands; Low Bands

Exchange: RST, grid square and ARCI number or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with ARCI member; 4 points per non-member QSO with different continent; 2 points per non-member QSO with same continent

Bonus points: 5000 for battery power portable with temporary antenna

Multipliers: Grids, once per band

Power Mult: >5 W = x1, 1 - 5 W = x7, 250 mW - 1 W = x10, 55 - 250 mW = 15x, <55 mW = 20x

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total grid squares x power mult) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 6 April 2009

E-mail logs to: [contest\[at\]qrparci\[dot\]org](mailto:contest[at]qrparci[dot]org)

Mail logs to: ARCI Spring QSO Party, c/o Jeff Hetherington, VA3JFF, 139 Elizabeth St. W., Welland, Ontario L3C 4M3, Canada

Find rules at:

[www.qrparci.org/component/option,com\\_extc\\_alen-dar/Itemid,/extmode.view/extid,56/lang,en/](http://www.qrparci.org/component/option,com_extc_alen-dar/Itemid,/extmode.view/extid,56/lang,en/)

#### EA PSK31 Contest

16:00 UTC 14 Mar to 16:00 UTC 15 Mar

Mode: PSK31

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op

Exchange: EA: RST and province code; non-EA: RST and Serial no.

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point/QSO with same continent on 20 - 10 m; 2 points/QSO with different continent on 20 - 10 m; 3 points/QSO with same continent on 80 - 40 m; 6 points/QSO with different continent on 80 - 40 m

Multipliers: Once each band (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 March 2009

E-mail logs to: [psk31\[at\]ure\[dot\]es](mailto:psk31[at]ure[dot]es)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: [www.ure.es/contest/428-ea-psk31-contest-english-version.html](http://www.ure.es/contest/428-ea-psk31-contest-english-version.html)

#### SOC Marathon Sprint

18:00 - 24:00 UTC 14 Mar

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: (none)

Exchange: Member: RST, state, province or country and SOC No; non-Member: RST, state, province or country and power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with member; 4 points per QSO with non-member, differ-

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ent continent; 2 points per QSO with non-member, same continent  
Multipliers: Each state, province or country once per band  
Power mult: 0 - 250 mW x15, 250 mW - 1 W x10, 1 - 5 W x7, >5 W x1  
Key mult: x1.5 for use of homebrew paddle  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x power mult x key mult  
Submit logs by: 13 April 2009  
E-mail logs to: n4bp[at]bellsouth[dot]net  
Mail logs to: Bob Patten, N4BP, 2841 N.W. 112 Terrace, Plantation, FL 33323, USA  
Find rules at: [www.qsl.net/soc/090314.htm](http://www.qsl.net/soc/090314.htm)

#### Elecraft QSO Party

18:00 UTC 14 Mar to 18:00 UTC 15 Mar

Mode: CW, SSB, Digital

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: Elecraft Users: RS(T) , state, province or country and rig ID (see rules); non-Users: RS(T) and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with Elecraft user; 3 points per QSO with non-user

Multipliers: Each US state, province, country once per band per mode

Power mult: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x power mult

Submit logs by: 10 April 2009

E-mail logs to: EQP2009[at]elecraft[dot]com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[www.elecraft.com/Awards/eqp\\_2009.htm](http://www.elecraft.com/Awards/eqp_2009.htm)

#### Idaho QSO Party

19:00 UTC 14 Mar to 19:00 UTC 15 Mar

Mode: CW, Phone, Digital

Bands: All, except WARC

Classes: Single Op - CW, Phone, Digital or Mixed - QRP, Low or High; Multi-Single - CW, Phone, Digital or Mixed - QRP, Low or High; Multi-Multi - CW, Phone, Digital or Mixed - QRP, Low or High; Mobile/Rover - CW, Phone, Digital or Mixed - QRP, Low or

High; School - CW, Phone, Digital or Mixed - QRP, Low or High

Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts;

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: ID: RS(T) and County; non-ID: RS(T) and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per mode per band

QSO Points: 1 point per SSB QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO

Multipliers: ID: Each state, province and country once per mode; non-ID: Each ID county once per mode

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 14 April 2009

E-mail logs to: idqplogs[at]msn[dot]com

Mail logs to: Edward Campbell, NX7TT, 157 N 3300 E, Rigby, ID 83442, USA

Find rules at:

[www.nx7tt.com/main\\_page\\_link/rules.htm](http://www.nx7tt.com/main_page_link/rules.htm)

#### North American RTTY Sprint

00:00 - 04:00 UTC 15 Mar

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40 and 20 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, Low or High

Max operating hours: 4 hours

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts;

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no, your name and your state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO;

non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7) once; Each VE province once; Each North American country (except W/VE) once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 21 March 2009

E-mail logs to: (see rules, web upload preferred)

Upload log at:

[www.ncjweb.com/sprintlogsubmit.php](http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintlogsubmit.php)

Mail logs to: Ed Muns, WOYK, PO Box 1877, Los Gatos, CA 95031-1877, USA

Find rules at:

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[www.ncjweb.com/sprintrules.php](http://www.ncjweb.com/sprintrules.php)

#### UBA Spring 6 m Contest

07:00 - 11:00 UTC 15 Mar

Mode: CW, Phone

Bands: 6 m Only

Classes: Single; SWL

Max power: non-QRP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: ON: RS(T), Serial No and UBA Section; non-ON: RS(T) and Serial No

QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with Belgian station

Multipliers: Each UBA Section

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 5 April 2009

E-mail logs to: [ubaspring\[at\]uba\[dot\]be](mailto:ubaspring[at]uba[dot]be)

Mail logs to: Michel Gertis, ON4CAQ, Momestraat 69, B-3550 Heusden Zolder, Belgium

Find rules at:

[www.uba.be/vhf/contest/spring2009\\_GB.pdf](http://www.uba.be/vhf/contest/spring2009_GB.pdf)

#### Wisconsin QSO Party

18:00 UTC 15 Mar to 01:00 UTC 16 Mar

Mode: CW, Phone

Bands: All, except WARC

Classes: Single Op - Fixed, Mobile, Novice or Tech - QRP, Low or High; Multi-Op - Fixed, Mobile or Tech - QRP, Low or High; M/M - Fixed, Mobile - QRP, Low or High

Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: WI: county; non-WI: state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per Phone QSO; 2 points per CW QSO

Bonus Points: 500 points for mobiles for each county; from which you make at least 12 QSOs

Multipliers: WI Stations: WI counties, states, provinces once; Non-WI Stations: WI counties once

Power mults: HP x1.0, LP x1.5, QRP x2.0

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x power mult x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 17 April 2009

E-mail logs to: [k9kr\[at\]tds\[dot\]net](mailto:k9kr[at]tds[dot]net)

Mail logs to: Wisconsin QSO Party, West Allis Radio Amateur Club, PO Box 1072, Milwaukee, WI, 53201, USA

Find rules at:

[www.warac.org/wqp/2009/wiqp\\_rules.htm](http://www.warac.org/wqp/2009/wiqp_rules.htm)

#### Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

01:00 - 03:00 UTC 16 Mar

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m

Classes: Single Band; All Band

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and Member No or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent

Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once; Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 22 March 2009

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: [www.fpgrp.com/autolog.php](http://www.fpgrp.com/autolog.php)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.fpgrp.com/fpqrprun.php>

#### Bucharest Contest

16:00 - 17:29 UTC and 17:30 - 18:59 UTC 16 Mar

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op QRP; Single Low Power (LPI); Multi-Op (LPC); SWL

Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: YO3: RS(T), QSO No and Sector; non-YO: RS(T), QSO No and "AA"

Work stations: Once per mode

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO: YO3 - YO3 or YO - YO/AA; 4 points per QSO: YO3 - YO/AA

Multipliers: Each YO area once per contest segment; Each YO3 sector; Each AA once

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Score Calculation: Total score = total score of each segment (total QSO points x total mults)

Submit logs by: 26 March 2009

E-mail logs to: [fenyo3jw\[at\]yahoo\[dot\]com](mailto:fenyo3jw[at]yahoo[dot]com)

Mail logs to: Bucharest Contest, Fenyo Stefan Pit, CP 19-43, 033210 Bucuresti 19, Romania

Find rules at:

[www.bucuresti.110mb.com/Regulament%20Bucuresti%20engleza.pdf](http://www.bucuresti.110mb.com/Regulament%20Bucuresti%20engleza.pdf)

## Next Week's Contests

SOC Marathon, 18:00 - 24:00 UTC 14 Mar

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint, 01:30 - 03:30 UTC 19 Mar

RSGB 80 m Club SSB Championship, 20:00 - 21:30 UTC 19 Mar

Feld Hell Sprint, 00:00 - 24:00 UTC 21 Mar

10-10 International Mobile Contest, 00:01 - 23:59 UTC 21 Mar

BARTG HF RTTY Contest, 02:00 UTC 21 Mar to 02:00 UTC 23 Mar

SARL VHF/UHF Digital Contest, 16:00 UTC 20 Mar to 10:00 UTC 22 Mar

SARL VHF/UHF Analogue Contest, 10:00 UTC 21 Mar to 10:00 UTC 22 Mar

Russian DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 21 Mar to 12:00 UTC 22 Mar

Oklahoma QSO Party, 13:00 UTC 21 Mar to 01:00 UTC 22 Mar and 13:00 - 19:00 UTC 22 Mar

AGCW VHF/UHF Contest, 16:00 - 19:00 UTC 21 Mar (144); 19:00 - 21:00 UTC 21 Mar (432)

North Dakota QSO Party, 17:00 UTC 21 Mar to 01:00 UTC 22 Mar

Virginia QSO Party, 18:00 UTC 21 Mar to 01:00 UTC 23 Mar

UBA Spring 2 m Contest, 07:00 - 11:00 22 Mar

9K 15-Metre Contest, 12:00 - 16:00 UTC 22 Mar

QRP Homebrewer Sprint 00:00 - 04:00 UTC 23 Mar

## Scouts support Earth Hour 2009

As many of you will know, I am involved with the Scout Movement, (my call sign is ZS4 Boy Scout) and here is an initiative they are doing for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. I am sure we as radio amateurs can support them.

**Earth Hour** is an initiative that started in Sydney Australia in 2007 with 2.2 million homes and businesses turning their lights off for one hour. In 2008, only a year later, this event had become a global sustainability movement with up to 50 million people across 35 countries participating. Global landmarks such as the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, Rome's Colosseum and the Coca Cola billboard in Times Square, all stood in darkness, as symbols of hope for a cause that grows more urgent by the hour.

At 20:30 on 28 March 2009, towns and cities across the world will turn off their lights for one hour sending a powerful global message that it is possible to take action on global warming.

Scouts and their families in their homes, offices and communities are encouraged to switch of their lights for one hour. As the members of the World Scout Youth Forum introduced this initiative and as the environment is of particular interest to young people, we would like this to be a youth led initiative. We would like to empower young people at all levels in our association to share this information, encourage Scouts to be ambassadors for Earth Hour and encourage their families, friends and other members of their community to be involved in this

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initiative. There are many ways that the Scouts can support Earth Hour in 2009, from turning out the lights in buildings on the night through to spreading Earth Hour messaging and emissions targets to everyone in the community.

The following information explains various levels of commitment to Earth Hour.

**1) Turn out lights at 20:30 on Saturday 28 March 2009**

Turn out the lights in your offices, homes or community centres for one hour at 20:30 on Saturday 28 March 2009.

**2) Communicate Earth Hour to friends, community groups and other networks**

Provide information about Earth Hour to friends, community groups and other organizations the Scouts work with.

**3) Communicate Earth Hour to your other offices nationally and globally**

Talk to your offices in other cities both nationally and around the world, and explain what you are doing to support the movement. Encourage organization-wide participation.

**4) Communicate long-term Earth Hour goals**

Earth Hour is not just about one hour, it is about making long-term changes to the way we use energy both at school, at work and at home. When communicating with friends, parents, families, colleagues, community groups, be sure to include secondary messaging regarding emissions reductions, visit [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org)

**5) Distribute Earth Hour posters and postcards**

Earth Hour uses two promotional products to promote the Earth Hour message to members of the public - the Earth Hour A2 poster and the Earth Hour postcard. Perhaps you can give our postcards to your contacts to promote Earth Hour. Would the Scouts like to co-brand postcards and posters to help spread the Earth Hour message?

Earth Hour can supply existing artwork for modification and logos for artwork or products for distribution.

**6) Direct support for Earth Hour**

Volunteer for Earth Hour - In the lead-up to 28 March, Earth Hour needs volunteers to help deliver the Earth Hour message and hand out Earth Hour postcards to the general public. Would the Scouts like to hear more about volunteer opportunities for Earth Hour during March 2009?

**7) Make change an everyday part of your lives**

Visit [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org) for information and case studies on how simple changes in the workplace, at school and at home can go a long way.

**8) Sign up your local Scout Group at [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org).** You can also visit [www.earthhour.org.za](http://www.earthhour.org.za)

Show your support for Earth Hour by signing up your local office at [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org). It is free and we will send you regular Earth Hour updates and information.

**9) Tell us what you are doing for Earth Hour**

Earth Hour has many opportunities to feature what the Scouts are doing to support the initiative, from media and PR through to the Earth Hour website and e-mail bulletins.

To see an example of how Scouts at the 10th World Scout Youth Forum joined in Earth Hour please visit the following website:

[www.scout.org/index.php/en/about\\_scouting/the\\_youth\\_programme/environment/environment\\_projects/youth\\_forum](http://www.scout.org/index.php/en/about_scouting/the_youth_programme/environment/environment_projects/youth_forum)

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